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Attorney Docket 017516-006810US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Craig Richard Gerbi *et al.*

Entitled: Tool guide and method for introducing an end effector to a surgical site in minimally invasive surgery

U.S. Application No.: 10/624,848

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Confirmation No. 6559

Examiner: Melissa K. Ryckman

Art Unit: 3773

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(A)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Box PCT
Washington, DC. 20231
Attn: RO/US

Sir:

This is a request under the provision of 37 CFR 1.136(A) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The applicant hereby requests a two month extension.

If additional time is required please consider this to be a request for an additional extension.

The applicant does not claim small entity status.

The director is authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 503404. The fee for the requested two month extension is \$460.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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Date: June 18, 2008